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Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

For October 30, 2012

Members Present: Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, Mary Brundage, Shelly Merriam & Beth Butler.
Absent: Dierdra Cahill.

Call to order at 10:05 AM.

Minutes of Sept. 18, 2012 reviewed and approved.

Motion made to accept the minutes of Sept. 18, 2012 made by Sheryl and seconded by Jill.

Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Financials -- August 2012 Cemetery funds' spreadsheets reviewed. No changes, financial accounts appear to be in order.
2. Buffum Cemetery # 25: Questions concerning surveying markers/flags around the cemetery perimeters. Possibly due to abutter's property re-classification as forestry, Chpt. 61B. Sheryl has emailed local surveyor's office for any further information. Also Discussion on getting a quote from Chris Cota, on the cost of cutting back encroaching shrub, briars and tree limbs from the perimeter of the Buffum Cemetery's stonewalls.

Motion made by Beth to pay Chris Cota no more than \$300.00 for undertaking and completing the work of clearing brush around the perimeter walls of the Buffum Cemetery #25. Funds to pay for the job will be expended from the Buffum Cemetery account. Motion seconded by Roy. Voted unanimously.

3. Chris Cota will be assessing the cemeteries that he normally maintains to check for any tree/limb/damages as a result of the recent Hurricane Sandy. He will report back to Sheryl.
4. DPW Assistance when needed: Sheryl has spoken with Ben Sherman, DPW about pick-up and removal of brush/tree limbs/leaves etc. (when needed) at those historic cemeteries that are located on, or close by town roads. In future planning for such needs, we are reminded that it is in the Fall season when the DPW's truck is hauling the town's chipper equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Quaker City Cemetery # 23:** Beth and Roy to work on Saturday Nov. 10th at the boundary areas within Quaker Cemetery where shrubs, briars, & saplings continue to encroach, but are not mowed down by Chris Cota. The effort is to establish where future mowing should be extended to and maintained.
2. **2012 Summer Maintenance/Mowing Bill:** Discussion of Chris Cota's 2012 Mowing bill for 15 historic cemeteries.

Motion made by Beth to pay Chris Cota \$2,405.00 for the 2012 Summer Maintenance and Mowing of 15 historic cemeteries. Funds to be dispersed from the following accounts:

- a.) \$1,690.00 from the General account
- b.) \$ 525.00 from the Norden account
- c.) \$ 70.00 from the Gideon Mowry account
- d.) \$ 120.00 from the Southwick account

Motion seconded by Shelly. Vote is unanimous.

3. **Stephen Holbrook Cemetery #31: Status of the cemetery's future right-of-way and buffer zone around cemetery's perimeter of stonewalls:** On Nov 5, 2012, Jill spoke with Scott Goddard, wetlands specialist, (Goddard Consulting, LLC), after the Conservation Commission's meeting to approve "wetland boundary designations" or ANRAD approval for the Mountainview Estates Subdivision. Jill requested further contact and information from the applicant/owner, Albee Realty Trust (aka: Hills Financial Company) as to the current status of the subdivision, and cemetery located within. Jill provided to Scott, the year's 2010 meeting minutes of both Uxbridge Planning Board and the Cemetery Committee meetings held concerning the subdivision's definitive plans, and our input on proposed cemetery protections, including the desired deeding of the cemetery plot to the Town for future preservation/protection issues. Jill later learned that beginning on June 8, 2011, that the property's owners had requested (at this Planning Board meeting), to *"modify subdivision plans— to make Mountainview road a private road with a Homeowner's Association in place. The Homeowner's Association will need to maintain the road. The private community will have seven (7) lots. A deed restriction will state 'Private Road' in perpetuity."* (Source: Uxbridge Planning Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2011). What this means, in terms of following any subdivision rules and regulations is still unclear; much less is known as to whether any of the "proposed" cemetery protections shown on the last-filed definitive subdivision plan are still viable.

Remaining Schedule of Planned Meetings for 2012

- Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012 at 10:00 O'clock at the Farnum House
- Holidays' get-together luncheon on December 11, 2012.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012, at 10:00 AM, at Farnum House.

Motion made to adjourn at 11:30 AM by Beth, seconded by Mary. Unanimous.

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Approved unanimously on Wednesday, November 14, 2012:

Jul C Kinnick

Bob Butler

Mary H. Brundage

Sherry Newman

Roy Henry

Sheryl Romero

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee